The policy with regard to the generation and distribution of electricity continues to be regulated by the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956. The expansion of the existing privately-owned utilities or the establishment of new units in the private sector is not precluded under the Resolution. Approval has been accorded during the last year to the setting up 500 MW generating capacity in the private sector as a utility. The additional generating capacity which may be set up in the private sector will depend upon the suitability of the proposals.

Plant Load Factor of Power Projects

1256. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise capacity utilisation (Plant Load Factor) of power projects for the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) what was the average All-India plant load factor during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) A statement showing the State-wise plant load factor and the average All India plant load factor of thermal stations during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 198586 is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 55].

Production of coal

1257. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the target and actual production of coal year-wise from 1983-84 to 1985-86;

(b) what are the details regarding the factors responsible for slow progress in this sector; and

(c) what target has been set for the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Target and actual production of coal during the years 1983-84 to 1985-86 are as under:

(Figures in million tonnes)

	1983-84		1984-85		1985-86	
	Target	Actual Production	Target	Actual Production	Target	Actual Production
All India	142·00	138·22	152·00	147·41	154·50	154·24

(b) Factors responsible for non-realisation of the coal production target are as follows:—

1. Shortfall in production in SCCL during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 due to constant industrial relations problem.

2. Shortfall in production in the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 in CIL because of poor performance of ECL and BCCL due to problems of ower supply, delay in opening of new mines, difficult working and geo-mining conditions etc.

(c) The target of coal production (All India) set for the terminal year of the 7th Plan *i.e.* 1989-90 is 226 million tonnes.

Value and quantity of crude and petroleum products

1258. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the value and quantity of crude petrol and petroleum products im-